

**Law Enforcement Division
Bi-Weekly Field Report
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DISTRICT 1

CO Ryan Aho stopped an unregistered ORV with two subjects on it who weren't wearing helmets. Both subjects had just been released from prison and became verbally abusive and were making violent threats to the CO. Backup was called and the subjects were issued several tickets.

CO Marvin Gerlach assisted on an illegal bear bait investigation being conducted by CO Brian Bacon and Sgt. Marc Pomroy. Contact was made with two subjects who had in their possession an untagged leg hold trap and a live raccoon. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Marvin Gerlach contacted a subject on an ORV crossing through a creek on state land. The subject stated that he did not realize the large concrete barricades blocking the illegal crossing were put in place to actually keep people out. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason Wicklund contacted a group of anglers setting up on a trout stream in Iron County. A check of the subjects found they did not have fishing licenses. The subjects gladly returned to town and purchased their fishing licenses before fishing for the day.

CO Mark Leadman was working a routine patrol and attempted to stop a subject operating an ORV without a helmet. The subject quickly pulled on a helmet, pointed to it, and took off. After several attempts at stopping the ORV, the subject pulled off into a field and hid in the woods. CO Leadman tracked the subject down on foot and was able to make contact. The subject was suspended on a felony OUIL conviction. Warrants are being sought for fail to stop and for operating while suspended.

DISTRICT 2

CO Jerry Fitzgibbon came upon a road rage assault victim who had been stopped by another motorist and then had been punched several times in the face. The assault occurred due to a traffic violation. CO Fitzgibbon assisted with first aid until an ambulance arrived. Michigan State Police (MSP) troopers contacted and arrested the suspect a short time later.

CO Kyle Publiski ticketed one group of ORV operators for operating on a beach in the eastern Upper Peninsula. The nearest trail was over a mile away.

CO Kyle Publiski contacted three ORV operators on Drummond Island. None of the ORVs were licensed and one subject's driver's license was suspended. A warning was given for the suspension, but enforcement action was taken for the ORV license.

While working the early Goose season opener in the Engadine area, COs Brett Gustafson and Mike Hammill heard several volleys of shots. They located a field with goose decoys and three hunters. As the COs broke the tree line, two other subjects were seen near a residence. One of them got up and started walking away slowly. The other got up and started to leave but then sat back down. The COs determined that the first subject was not hunting and the second subject was hunting, but didn't have a license and was using lead shot. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 3

COs Matt Theunick and Eric Bottorff responded to an illegal burning complaint and found a subject burning the remains of a demolished house, including shingles, insulation, etc. A ticket was issued for illegal disposal of solid waste.

The Labor Day week showed an increase in both legal and illegal ORV activity. COs Mike Feagan and Eric Bottorff concentrated their efforts in ORV restoration areas on state land, which were recently re-blocked and signed against ORV use. Six tickets were issued for operating in a closed area and unlicensed ORVs.

CO Duane Budreau and Sgt. Greg Drogowski patrolled Bois Blanc Island on ORVs to address complaints of shoreline damage occurring from illegal ORV use. Many contacts were made with ORV users and others, with only one ticket and one warning issued for ORV violations.

CO Andrea Erratt responded to a complaint of shots fired at night and found a noise-making cannon in a farm field. A subject happened to be riding an ORV into the field and was contacted. The landowner explained the noise-maker was allowed for scaring away blackbirds and displayed his permit. Unfortunately, he also had a loaded .22 rifle on the ORV, as well as other ORV violations. He was ticketed for the loaded firearm on a motor vehicle and warned on the other violations.

In May, CO Andrea Erratt received a complaint from a Fisherman's Island State Park Ranger about campers not paying and leaving a large amount of trash on a campsite. CO Erratt picked up the trash, including several receipts using the same credit card at a local bank ATM and at stores to buy camping gear and food. CO Erratt obtained a search warrant to acquire the customer's information from the bank using the account numbers found in the trash. After checking several residences, CO Erratt located the camper in August. The suspect said he had camped for two or three nights but had not paid for his site. The suspect said another camper told him he could camp for free because the State Park wasn't officially open and no workers were around. He stated he did not think the "Self Registration Required" sign at the entrance to the park applied to him. CO Erratt ticketed the camper for failing to register and pay for a State Park Campsite and warned him for leaving the excessive amount of litter at the site.

CO Andrea Erratt responded to an ORV accident where a subject had let his 10 year old grandson drive a side-by-side ORV off of a county road and up a hill on a private

property power line. The ORV slipped down the hill and rolled over on its side. Fortunately, both people who were not wearing their seatbelts only had minor injuries. CO Erratt ticketed the grandfather and gave several warnings on various ORV violations, including allowing a juvenile to operate an ORV unsupervised, failing to license an ORV, and other ORV related infractions.

CO Steve Speigl was called to a complaint of shots fired where it was reported that bullets were “whizzing” over nearby houses. Upon arrival CO Speigl found an adjacent landowner was trying to eliminate varmints from his property. CO Speigl advised the subject of his errant shots and also discovered a loaded .22 on the ORV that the subject was driving. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Mark DePew and Kelly Ross received a complaint of an individual baiting a field for the early elk hunt and located where the landowner had spread minerals on the field. CO Ross followed up with the landowner, who admitted to putting the minerals out and who was going to have hunters on opening morning. A ticket for baiting elk was issued and the landowner was advised not to hunt the property during this hunt.

CO Nick Torsky received a complaint that an ORV was used to drive around barricades to launch a boat at a carry-in launch site. CO Torsky arrived while the boat was still on the lake and discovered the subject also had an expired boat registration which he was ticketed for and warned for driving around the barricades.

CO Bill Webster was patrolling Long Lake in Alpena and contacted the operator of a jetski which was pulling four people on a tube without an observer. The operator was explained the danger of pulling tubers without an observer and was ticketed for the violation.

DISTRICT 4

CO Rebecca Hopkins assisted local deputies by responding to a traffic crash where a large dump truck ran a stop sign and rolled over with a trailer and backhoe in tow. The vehicle came to rest on its side at the edge of Crystal Lake and there was concern about diesel fuel possibly leaking into the lake. CO Hopkins was able to ascertain that no fuel was leaking and held down the scene until the reporting agency responded.

CO Rebecca Hopkins assisted the US Park Service with a multi agency group patrol along the Platte River during the holiday weekend. The group patrol was aimed at targeting marine, peace and National Park rule violations. The patrol was set up in response to multiple complaints of disorderly activity on the river this summer. Over 200 people crossed through the saturated patrol area. CO Hopkins issued one ticket for litter while several of the other agencies participating issued tickets for park violations.

CO Sam Koscinski observed a subject climb over the perimeter fence protecting the Little Manistee River weir spillway. In addition to the fencing, the property is posted

against trespass and also closed to fishing. CO Koscinski was able to contact the subject and ticket him for trespass.

CO Sam Koscinski observed a subject using a spotlight to locate salmon. The subject would shine the spotlight at salmon while another subject attempted to net them along the Little Manistee River. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Brosky responded to a complaint at Ludington State Park regarding persons snagging salmon in the Sable River near the dam. After observing the subjects from cover, CO Brosky made contact and ticketed the subjects for snagging fish, retaining foul-hooked fish and using illegal gear.

CO Brian Brosky was working near Indian Bridge in Mason County when he encountered a subject attempting to snag fish at the bridge. After recording the person's activity on video, he made contact and asked him why he was so blatantly snagging during the day. The subject stated that he thought he could snag fish as long as he didn't keep them. A ticket was issued for attempting to snag salmon.

CO Brian Brosky and Sgt. Kevin Hackworth assisted the Mason County Sheriff's Department with a case involving a number of persons who had set up a fishing camp along the Pere Marquette River. The COs assisted in locating and removing a small child who was suffering from a brain injury after having been accidentally shot through the eye by a high powered pellet rifle by her younger brother. The victim was air lifted from the scene and reported to be in critical condition.

COs Steve Converse and Sam Koscinski were working along the Little Manistee River just after the river closed for the season when they observed several subjects walking out to leave. One of the subjects decided to go to the weir and run down a salmon. After a short time the subject grabbed a salmon and walked out of the river to find the COs waiting for him. Tickets were issued for illegal possession and unlawful fishing method.

CO Steve Converse ticketed a subject near Tippy Dam using in-line treble hooks while teaching his young son the finer points of snagging fish. CO Converse later ticketed another subject for attempting to snag and littering after the subject intentionally cut off his illegal fishing setup and threw it into the river before the CO could get to him.

CO Angela Greenway and Sgt. Kevin Hackworth were patrolling the Lincoln Hills area along the state ORV trail when a person on an ORV failed to stop at a trail crossing and nearly struck their patrol vehicle. The subject was contacted and it was found that he was operating while his driving privileges were suspended. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Angela Greenway was first on the scene to an accident whereby a subject had been driving his ORV too quickly around a curve on the state ORV trail in Lake County and had struck a tree. The subject sustained shoulder injuries and possible back injuries.

CO Greenway provided first aid until local Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel arrived.

COs Sam Koscinski and Carla Soper were working a patrol after dark at the weir on the Little Manistee River when they observed three subjects attempting to catch salmon by hand on a closed section of the river. The COs watched the men as they struggled unsuccessfully to catch a salmon. The three subjects then decided to make their way out onto the weir structure itself slipping past a protective fence. Still unsuccessful, the subjects were rounded up and ticketed for recreational trespass.

CO Carla Soper worked a joint patrol with the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Conservation Officer at the weir on the Little Manistee River. While observing the 300' closed section below the weir, the officers witnessed a subject smoking marijuana and attempting to snag salmon in the closed area. The officers also observed his female companion catch and retain a foul hooked salmon and immediately take the fish to their vehicle. The officers eventually made contact with the subjects and enforcement action was taken.

While working the Silver Lake Dunes ORV area, CO Carla Soper was dispatched to an accident involving two vehicles. CO Soper arrived and found that a Jeep had been sideswiped by a dune buggy, leaving both vehicles disabled. Apparently the dune buggy had jumped a sand hill, went airborne and then collided with the Jeep. The operator found at fault was ticketed for careless operation of an ORV.

CO Troy VanGelderren was investigating an illegal tree stand complaint on U.S. Forest Service (USFS) land when he observed a suspicious person in the complaint area. CO VanGelderren followed the subject for over an hour on foot until he returned to his camp. The individual was contacted and admitted to living on USFS lands for several months. The subject also had an outstanding arrest warrant and was lodged in the Oceana County Jail.

CO Mike Wells responded to a complaint of a deer taken out of season. CO Wells was assisted by Sgt. Mike Bomay and after a lengthy investigation, together they were able to locate two deer carcasses dumped by the suspects. The COs were able to obtain DNA evidence from the vehicle used and obtain full confessions from the three subjects involved, as well as retrieve the processed venison from the freezer at the shooter's residence. The firearm and spotlight used to poach the deer were seized and enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 5

CO Bobbi Lively responded to a complaint from Consumers Energy security personnel regarding an ORV trespassing behind a locked gate on their private property and doing damage. While at the site behind the locked gate, CO Lively was able to locate and stop an ORV operator.

COs Steve Lockwood and Jason McCullough made six separate arrests for overlimits of fish on Wixom Lake. Several of the subjects had come up with creative ways to hide fish in their boats but were unsuccessful in their attempts.

CO Jason McCullough reports that a subject he ticketed earlier in the summer for killing a goose with a golf club received three days in jail and a hefty fine.

CO Mark Papineau received a complaint regarding a subject dumping several couches on state land. Unfortunately, by the time CO Papineau arrived, the subject had left the area, leaving behind three couches dumped in the woods. However, the original complainant was able to provide a license plate number and physical description of the suspect. CO Papineau located the suspect who confessed to the violation. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 6

CO Dan Lee located a boat dumped in a parking lot along the Shiawassee River State Game Area (SGA). The vessel was stripped of all things useful except the registration number. The CO contacted the registered owner who explained that he had just given it to his neighbor. The neighbor explained that he had picked it up and had given it to his nephew. The neighbor explained to the CO that his nephew told him the boat was junk and just dumped it somewhere. The nephew was contacted by CO Lee. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling state land between Midland and Gladwin counties, COs Joel Lundberg, Steve Lockwood and Dan Lee contacted a group of four ORVs that attempted to evade the COs. The lead quad was finally stopped by CO Lockwood and before the others had a chance to turn around, COs Lundberg and Lee came around behind them and made the stop. Despite their attempt to elude the COs the operators explained that they were unaware that state land was closed to ORV operation. While tickets were being issued to the group of four, a lone ORV came from the opposite direction. This operator explained that he knew why three COs would be out on state land on a holiday weekend but thought he should get a break, even though the other four were getting tickets for the same violation. Another ticket was issued.

While on patrol during the early morning hours, CO Larn Strawn observed a large fire burning behind a barn near the edge of a corn field. The flames were blazing higher than the harvest season corn. While investigating the fire, the CO located a large group of people surrounding and stoking what turned out to be a 30 foot pile of construction debris from a recent residential demolition. While talking to the group, the CO saw one of the burners flee into the cornfield. Unfortunately for the intoxicated evader, the CO had already collected his identification prior to his escape. The CO ultimately tracked the man down and contacted him at his residence to return his ID card and make the arrest.

While patrolling Isabella County, CO Larn Strawn observed a couple operating ORVs on the county road. Upon contacting the operators the CO immediately realized one of them was highly intoxicated. The ORV operator was subsequently evaluated and ultimately arrested for operating an ORV while intoxicated.

COs Joel Lundberg and Jay Person worked an illegal bear bait. The COs were able to identify two individuals that were baiting the location. The COs then conducted an interview with one of the subjects who admitted the bait was his and acknowledged he knew he was breaking the law. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason A. Smith received a complaint of a group who had shot a Sandhill Crane in the Fish Point Managed Waterfowl Area. After contacting the hunter, a confession was obtained and after searching the CO was able to recover the dead bird. The hunter also had 17 rounds of lead shot and possessed more shot shells than is allowed in the managed area.

CO Chad Foerster was in the area when local dispatch aired a shooting that had just occurred. He assisted by securing and searching several apartments in which a witness saw the possible suspect run into. The shooter ultimately gave himself up and came outside when he realized that the police were closing in on the apartment in which he was hiding. He was taken into custody without further incident and was turned over to local authorities.

CO Chad Foerster was working the "hot ponds" in Bay County when he came across two anglers in possession of 10 fish without licenses. Enforcement action was taken and the fish seized.

While on patrol at a local swimming hole on state land, CO Joshua Wright came upon a group of individuals who looked to be under 21 and who were in possession of alcohol. Two of the three were minors and had been drinking. Two of the subjects were also on parole. Part of their parole stipulations were that they could not be in possession of or consume alcohol. Enforcement action was taken and parole agents contacted.

CO Scott Brown received a tip that a person with a lengthy list of DNR priors and who was currently revoked would be hunting in a field in Huron County for the early goose opener. While watching the group in question, CO Brown determined that he was not a member of the hunting party. While waiting to make contact with that group, CO Brown received a call from a guide in the area that he had a group of hunters trespassing in a field that he leases on the same road. CO Brown contacted the trespassing group and was immediately greeted by the original suspect. He was out hunting with his wife and hired hand for his business. His wife was charged with trespassing, possession of lead shot, and will be charged restitution for the goose she had taken. After borrowing a metal detector, 13 additional rounds of lead shot were located in the immediate vicinity. The other two members of the party stayed in the field where they had obtained permission.

While on a marine patrol on Labor Day, Sgt. Tony Soave and CO Chad Foerster received a complaint of a sinking boat in the Saginaw River. Upon arriving on scene, the COs were able to assist the local authorities with booming for gas and oil leaking around the 62' sunken wooden vessel. The sunken boat had hit a large floating wooden beam in the river and punched a large hole in the bottom of the hull. They were able to get to the marina and tie the vessel off before it sank.

CO Bob Hobkirk worked an ongoing complaint at the Port Crescent State Park in Huron County of a male subject exposing himself to canoeists in a local river. The subject had exposed himself twice in the past two weeks and officers predicted he would do it again by Labor Day. Officer Hobkirk hid in the woods while a female deputy sheriff posed as a canoeist. The female rounded a corner on the river in her canoe and looked up to see the subject exposing himself. She radioed to Officer Hobkirk who was able to run to the closest parking lot near the river. CO Hobkirk observed the subject matching the description running to a vehicle where he detained him. The subject was interviewed and confessed to exposing himself to the undercover deputy and to a recent incident within the last couple of weeks. The subject was lodged and is awaiting a pretrial hearing.

DISTRICT 7

CO Mike McGee stopped two ORVs operating on the road. The driver of the first ORV was an adult who was not wearing a helmet and had a young child riding between his legs. The second ORV was being ridden by a six to seven year old child of the first rider. The adult operator also had a revoked driver license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chris Holmes received a complaint of subjects hunting waterfowl after closed hunting hours. CO Holmes arrived in the area and contacted two subjects not dressed in hunting clothes. After speaking with the pair, the CO found shotguns and other waterfowl hunting equipment stashed in the woods of a nearby house. One of the subjects had been hunting with an unplugged gun, and both subjects admitted to hunting geese nearly a half an hour after hunting hours had closed. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Steve Orange was contacted by an off duty deputy who witnessed subjects shooting at geese from a motor vehicle while he was hunting in Ionia County. CO Cary Foster and CO Orange responded to the scene to investigate six subjects hunting during the early Canada goose opener. Based on information provided by the original witness and confessions from the suspects, COs Foster and Orange were able to ticket two of the hunters for attempting to take waterfowl from a motor vehicle. Further investigation led to another hunter being ticketed for hunting without a license and using an unplugged shotgun. Two others were ticketed for taking a Mourning dove and having an unsigned waterfowl stamp. Six tickets and numerous warnings were issued during this investigation to the group of hunters who had taken 16 geese that morning.

CO Cary Foster received a Report-All-Poaching (RAP) complaint of subjects snagging salmon in the Grand River. Upon arrival he was able to position himself within 30 yards of two groups of anglers and observe them place a net near a log jam and herd salmon into the net. When CO Foster contacted the four anglers, he apprehended the subjects with 15 salmon taken illegally by netting and he also located and ticketed the subjects for possession of illegal snag hooks.

COs Steve Orange and BJ Goulette were assigned a patrol at Silver Lake State Park over the holiday weekend. The COs were called to a minor injury accident involving a nine year old riding as a passenger in a rental ORV. Officers were also called to the Silver Lake shoreline within the ORV Day Use Area on the report of a drowning. When they arrived at the scene witnesses indicated the last known location of the subject and COs maintained the scene pending the arrival of the county dive team. Dive members quickly recovered the victim who had been submerged approximately 40 minutes. He was transported via helicopter to a Grand Rapids hospital.

CO Chris Simpson was assigned to the Silver Lake ORV Area when he witnessed a small Para plane riding low over the dunes. Within minutes, Oceana Central Dispatch was reporting a plane crash at the dunes and dispatching units to the scene. CO Simpson arrived first to find off duty fire and police personnel beginning rescue and first aid measures to the two victims. Leaking fuel required moving the victims from the overturned plane and first responders performed CPR and first aid as required. Witnesses indicated the plane fell approximately 100 feet to crash upside down after the parachute collapsed. Both victims died in the crash and the case remains under investigation.

CO Chris Simpson encountered two subjects hunting coyotes at night with centerfire rifles in the Muskegon SGA during the closed season. One subject had just regained his hunting privileges after a four year revocation. Tickets are to be issued for hunting with centerfire rifles after hunting hours.

CO Dave Rodgers was on patrol in Kent County during the early goose opener when he contacted a regular group of goose hunters. CO Rodgers ticketed members of the party for no state waterfowl licenses. This is the third year in a row that CO Rodgers has found this group in violation of waterfowl hunting regulations.

CO BJ Goulette was on patrol in Ottawa County when he heard radio traffic of a county deputy out with a subject who was wanted on warrants and in possession of a stolen vehicle. CO Goulette was requested to the scene and further investigation found that the suspect had taken a vehicle without permission, drove through a fence onto private lands and operated through a gravel pit area without permission. The subject was arrested and CO Goulette issued several tickets for trespass and off road violations.

CO Ivan Perez responded to a complaint of a young Sandhill Crane being held illegally in Ottawa County. CO Perez interviewed the person who residents indicated was holding the young bird during the last few months. CO Perez interviewed several

witnesses but the suspect denied any responsibility for this activity. Within days, CO Perez was called to a scene where a young Sandhill Crane was walking around homes, in the roadway and accepting hand held food from area residents. CO Perez was able to capture the crane and transport the bird to a permitted rehabilitator.

DISTRICT 8

CO Kyle Bader contacted a group of goose hunters on a remote lake. His attention was brought to a boat in the middle of the lake driving through a small flock of geese to scare them off the water. As CO Bader walked up behind the hunters he heard one say, "at least that got them off the water." The two hunters on shore were legal. When the hunter in the boat returned to shore he didn't have a personal flotation device (PFD) on the boat, had a loaded shotgun in the boat while under way, and didn't have a plug in his shotgun. He was given a ticket for the shell capacity violation and warned on the others.

CO Kyle Bader, while working marine activity on the holiday, issued a fish without license and a littering ticket. One subject was fishing from shore while the other was standing with him. They both admitted to fishing without a license and advised they were unaware they needed one. CO Bader took into consideration their fishing equipment and believed they probably didn't know much about the sport and was going to release them with warnings. As they got into their truck, CO Bader observed nightcrawler containers that had been spilled on the dock and tossed into the water. The CO recalled that the anglers were fishing with nightcrawlers and questioned them about the garbage. They admitted to discarding it in the water. Both were given tickets.

CO Brian Fish discovered a boat owner was using a marine dealer registration placard on the family boat instead of registering the boat in the normal fashion. The individual does not own a boat dealership. Information was turned over to the Department of Treasury.

CO Brian Fish assisted the Calhoun County K9 handler when he file checked a motorist on I-94 and received an NCIC hit from the terrorist watch list. The person was important enough that the hit mandated a phone call to the terrorist watch headquarters. The situation was turned over to local authorities.

CO Derek Miller had just left the boat launch at Whitmore Lake when central dispatch advised of a medical emergency at the launch. CO Miller quickly returned to the launch where he found the semiconscious person with a large laceration to his head. It appeared that he injured himself when he fell off the dock. CO Miller administered first aid until the fire department arrived.

CO Pete Purdy was at the Whitmore Lake boat launch checking vessels, when suddenly a four wheeler being operated by a subject without a helmet went through the boat launch and a residential area at a high rate of speed. CO Purdy and two local

police officers located the subject at his residence. Enforcement action was taken. Several of the residents in the area came out and expressed their appreciation as this has been an ongoing occurrence.

CO Pete Purdy, while on ORV patrol, contacted two anglers in a canoe on a remote lake in the Gregory SGA. Neither had a fishing license and advised they didn't think they would be found fishing in such a remote area. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Pete Purdy and Daniel Prince, while on patrol, observed and stopped two separate ORVs being operated on the public roadways. One of the subjects felt that if he had an orange triangle on his ORV that he would be legal to operate on the roadway and unlicensed. A second subject was riding on the roadway, without a helmet, with a six year old child on his lap. Enforcement action was taken in both situations.

While on his way to Grayling early in the morning, CO Shane Webster encountered an 18 wheeler tanker truck on it's side blocking the entire southbound lane of US-127 south of Mason. CO Webster activated his emergency lights to begin warning traffic and made his way toward the overturned semi. An local deputy arrived and the two officers contacted the driver who appeared to have suffered only minor injuries. The officers were able to determine that the tanker was carrying asphalt sealer which was now spread out across US-127. CO Webster assisted at the scene until other help arrived.

CO Daniel Prince responded to a waterfowl complaint where two individuals were hunting on a local golf course while riding a golf cart with their guns uncased and a possible safety zone violation. CO Prince responded to the golf course but the hunters were gone. CO Prince contacted the golf course manager and follow-up enforcement action will be taken.

CO Daniel Prince investigated numerous ORV violations. On one ORV complaint, a juvenile rider was operating in a farmer's field. The farmer tried to make contact with the juvenile but the juvenile fled and went to a dead-end road where CO Prince was able to track him down and make contact. The juvenile and his parents were advised of ORV regulations and given a verbal warning. No damage was done to the farmer's field.

CO Todd Thorn checked anglers near Moores River dam in Lansing and came across two men fishing above the dam. One of the men had a fishing license, but the other did not. The one without the license stated that he thought he could fish using his friend's license because they were only using three lines between the two of them. Upon further investigation, the man without the fishing license had two short bass in his cooler and he also had a warrant. Enforcement action was taken, including a ticket for fishing without a license and possessing short bass.

DISTRICT 9

COs Kris Kiel and Ben Lasher worked a long Labor Day in the St. Clair Flats area. The pair made several contacts, gave a few warnings and issued one ticket to the operator

of a vessel for not having life jackets on board. The COs stopped two different vessels along the international border for subjects "bow riding".

On the second day of the early Goose season, CO Kris Kiel handled a hunting incident in Lake St. Clair near the city of New Baltimore. A young girl was hit under the eye with a shotgun pellet by someone from another hunting party. In retaliation, the adult in the victim's party fired a round off in the direction of the other party. Warrants will be sought for both adults.

While loading up for a marine patrol, CO Todd Szyska and Sgt. Tom Wanless received a complaint at the mouth of the Clinton River of goose hunters hunting within the safety zone and in the river, which is closed to hunting. The COs responded and contacted five hunters who were within 150 yards of a house. The COs also contacted the complainants, who were local marine deputies. They heard the shots and witnessed the alleged violations. Warrants will be sought on the individuals for the violations.

CO Ben Lasher spent the better part of two days following up on an incident where the operator of a vessel got stuck in the shallows of the northern part of Muscamoot Bay. A barge from a dredging company was called to retrieve the beached vessel. In the process of attempting to retrieve the vessel, the barge got stuck so the operator started to dredge his way to the vessel. The dredged material was piled up causing a navigational hazard. The winds shifted pushing much of the water out of the bay and causing the barge to bottom out and more of the dredged material to be exposed. The operator was unable to get the barge unstuck and left it to get assistance. In the mean time two PWCs at two separate times hit the dredged material. Due to the shallow water, the barge operator has been unable to get equipment into the area to free the barge. The area has been marked off with solar lights, reflectors, and caution tape to warn others of the dangers in the area. CO Kris Kiel also assisted in the investigation. CO Lasher is working with Department of Environmental Quality personnel on the possible charges.